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1. BRAD JEFFRIES SPOKE WITH AMBASSADOR MENDENHALL, AF/C AND L/AF AT DEPARTMENT DECEMBER 12 CONCERNING REPPAS CASE AND DISPOSITION AGM ASSETS. JEFFRIES INDICATED CONCERN ABOUT SENTENCE IMPOSED BY MALAGASY COURT, PARTICULARLY FINE AND REPORT THAT SHOULD HE NOT PAY THE FINE ADDITIONAL JAIL SENTENCE WOULD BE IN ORDER, AND QUALITY OF RAVONY'S LEGAL REPRESENTATION.

2. JEFFRIES REQUESTED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT MALAGASY LAW: (A) REFTTEL INDICATES SUSPENSION OR PROBATION OF SENTENCE NOT POSSIBLE BUT IS THERE NEVERTHELESS POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE AFTER HALF SENTENCE SERVED? (B) CAN PROCURER GENERAL GRANT CLEMENCY TO REPPAS?

3. JEFFRIES ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT POSITION OF AGM CREDITORS AND WISHES TO KNOW FOLLOWING: (A) WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ABATTOIR IF NO BIDS OR NO ACCEPTABLE BIDS ARE SUBMITTED AT PUBLIC AUCTION? (B) IS THE ABATTOIR BEING ADEQUATELY MAINTAINED BY GOMR? AND (C) IS IT POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIST OF CREDITORS OF AGM TO ESTABLISH WHETHER AMERICAN

CREDITORS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED? ABOVE QUESTIONS SHOULD BE
DIRECTED TO TRUSTEE IN BANKRUPTCY.

4. DEPARTMENT ALSO INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHETHER
MALAGASY COURTS HAVE GIVEN FINES COMPARABLE TO THAT
IMPOSED ON REPPAS IN OTHER CASES. KISSINGER

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